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CLEVELAND says, emphatically, that silver shall have no place in the Democratic platform. That do settle it.

THE Detroit (Mich.) Tribune and the Denver Republican, two leading Republican papers, have bolted. Many others will follow.

A NEW political party was born at Kansas City, Kas., last Saturday. The originators are members of the A. P. A. who are opposed to McKinley for president.

THE article relative to the issue of \$500,000,000 of national bonds which appeared in this paper last week should have been credited to Appeal to Reason, Kansas City, Mo.

AFTER Cleveland's term of office expires, a new law firm will hang out its shingle, and the members of that firm will be Grover Cleveland, Thomas B. Reed and John G. Carlisle.

THE Mystic Brotherhood of Garden City and surrounding towns have made arrangements to celebrate the Fourth of July at that place. The arrangements consisted mainly of raising a purse to buy a car-load of beer.

Farmer King, of Cowley county, is meeting with a hearty support for the nomination for governor from all portions of the state, by the party which will hereafter govern Kansas and manage its institutions. There are no better men in the state than Senator King.—Girard World.

The Capital virtually concedes the extreme doubt of Republican victory in the state this fall, and declares that the present politics prevailing "will defeat the party in Kansas this year, in our judgment, notwithstanding the national election." And this before the fight has begun!—Lawrence Jeffersonian.

The Winfield Free Press of April 30 contains a lengthy write-up of L. P. King for governor. Mr. King has served twelve years in the house and senate of the Kansas legislature, and has always been true to the people. Should he receive the nomination the people will know that they have a candidate who will at all times and in all things be loyal to their interests.—Mankato Advocate.

SENATOR TELLER has the satisfaction of knowing that his action at St. Louis is endorsed by the people of his state, as well as by thousands of Republicans throughout the nation. Governor McIntyre, of Colorado, telegraphed his congratulations, and the people of the state are wild with enthusiasm. Cannon belched forth roars of approval from the capital city, and the mountains reverberated with the sound of cannonading. All honor to Senator Teller and the brave men who followed him when he left the convention!

THOSE loyal reformers who left the gold-bug Prohibition party because that party refused to take any step toward freeing the people from the bonds of industrial slavery are patiently awaiting the action of the People's party at St. Louis. If we stand true to our faith, they are with us, but if we don't, they will have nothing to do with us, and they would be fools if they did. Will the People's party make room for this National party in our camp, or will it compel the rank and file of the People's party to go over to the National party? Is the question now before the house.—Am. Tramp.

POPULIST POINTERS.

FROM HEADQUARTERS.

Another Populist congressman has been seated from North Carolina—C. B. Martin, of the Sixth congressional district.

There was no meeting of the national committee of the People's party at St. Louis last week, as given out by the Associated Press. The only thing that could give rise to such a report was the presence of a number of Populists in the city, watching the drift of things in the Republican national convention in order to take advantage of Republican mistakes.

With all the bolting and talk of bolting in the other political organizations, there is a manifest disposition for harmony in the Populist ranks. Our people are learning the lesson that "in union there is strength."

The press reports indicate the election of Mr. Benoit, Populist, to congress, from the Fifth Louisiana district, on the 9th inst., to fill a vacancy.

The Populists of the Fifteenth Missouri district held a rousing convention at Lamar, on the 13th inst., and selected four strong delegates to the national convention. The Omaha platform was re-affirmed, with the initiative and referendum added.

The Populists of South Carolina are organizing clubs throughout the state preparatory to the real work of the campaign.

Reports from Georgia show an unusually active condition among the Populists of that state. With a free ballot and a fair count, Georgia is ours this year.

J. H. McDowell, member of the People's party national committee for Tennessee, has been elected sergeant-at-arms, to take charge of the hall and arrange the details for the People's party national convention, to be held at St. Louis on July 22d. He will have charge of an information bureau at headquarters for the purpose of locating the different state delegations who have not already secured quarters, also making arrangements for reduced railroad fares, including special train service for those desiring to come to the convention in large bodies, the printing and distribution of the tickets for the convention, the providing of badges for the delegates and visitors, arranging of details in the convention hall, including the seating of state delegations and visitors, and providing quarters for the press representatives.

All state, county and local committees and members of the party everywhere are urged to organize clubs to bring as many people to the convention as possible, especially from the states within a radius of two hundred miles of St. Louis. Tickets to the convention will be furnished to the editors of all reform papers attending the convention, and they are requested to do all in their power to make this convention a grand success, by assisting to bring as many Populists to St. Louis as possible. All letters which refer to the details of the convention should be addressed to Hon. J. H. McDowell, room 525 Commercial Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Regarding state issues in Georgia, W. E. Smith, of Attapulgus, writes: "It is a notorious fact that the Democrats will steal anything from the best plank of the Populist platform to a dead negro's vote, therefore the strongest plank in our platform will be a free ballot and a fair count."

Minnesota is one of the states from whence comes reports of the greatest gains to the People's party. Late news regarding the work of organization is especially encouraging.

J. Odum, of Lowe, N. C., writes that two-thirds of the voters of that section will vote the People's party ticket.

Bob Schilling, the irrepressible member of the national committee from Wisconsin, says the Populists will carry Milwaukee at the coming election over the combined forces of the opposition, and Bob is not in the habit of "talking through his hat."

Oscar Parker, secretary of the People's party of Georgia, writes: "We are marching straight to a great victory in Georgia this year. The result in Oregon is having a remarkably good effect. The declaration of the Georgia Democrats in favor of free coinage will have no effect upon the Populist voters, who are already in the majority in the state."

L. C. Bateman, candidate for governor of Maine, predicts that two or three speakers of national fame will secure 20,000 votes to the Populist party in that state. The election will be held in September.

W. S. Morgan is now systematically stumping in Arkansas. "Cyclone" Davis began work in the state June 20.

State Chairman Young, of Oregon, writes that it is probable that four Populist members elected to the legislature will be counted out by the Republican election officers, as well as both congressmen, and the chances are of even others being defeated in the same manner. He adds, "I am not advised as to whether or not Quinn and Vanderberg will contest the seats of Ellis and Tungue." He hopes they will. The work in Oregon was accomplished by an expenditure of less than \$600."

The National Reform party will meet in conference with the national committee of the People's party in St. Louis the day preceding the latter party's convention. The National party, led by John P. St. John, has also been invited to the conference, but has not replied. The conference has been arranged wholly upon the request of the National Reform party.

Accessions to the Populist ranks from the free silver Republicans are reported daily, in almost every state in the Union. M. R.

WHOSE COUNTRY IS THIS, ANYWAY?

A London syndicate owns three million acres of land in Texas. This is equal to five full-sized counties. There are two other English syndicates and several English individuals who own more land in Texas than any American does, or ever will own. One Irish nobleman, Viscount Scully, owns three hundred thousand acres in Illinois. The Duchess of Marlborough, and others connected with her, own two million acres in Florida. Another English syndicate owns 1,800,000 acres in Mississippi. Besides these English capitalists own in this country about 68,000,000 acres of land in the different states, and American citizens, for the use of this land or any part of it, must pay these Englishmen for the privilege. Most of this land has been acquired within a few years, and at the present rate of investment it will not be many years before our people will be at the mercy of English nobles for the privilege of shelter and the chance to till American soil. Besides this, there has been given to railroad corporations nearly 200,000,000 acres of land, most of which is held, directly or indirectly, by foreign money lenders. Foreigners own over 5,000,000,000 of national, state and corporation bonds, upon which \$200,000,000 annually in interest must be sent abroad. And still the great hue and cry is, we must do nothing to prevent foreign investments in this country. It may be interesting to estimate the time that will elapse before foreigners will own the entire country and the people that are in it. Is this really our country? Or does it not belong to foreign capitalists? At least, do they not own "a controlling interest" in it already? And what are we going to do about it?—Texas Farm and Ranch.

LESS than three months ago, nails were selling at 85 cents per hundred, while now they bring \$2.80. Surely, we ought to have a tariff on nails to "protect our infant industry from the pauper product of Europe." Iron King Hanna is interested in this deal, and he is the high mogul of the McKinley boom; so you see that it is to your interest to help boom McKinley, that Mr. Hanna and his band of cut-throat millionaires can get "a sufficient tariff to keep out the foreign product," so they can still lift the price of nails another dollar or so.—The American Tramp, Atlantic, Iowa.

HERE TO STAY.

The party has been in the field six years, and is stronger today than ever before. The Populist party has gained strength and vigor every year in every state in the Union. It is a fact that a few years ago, when the party was in its infancy and no old-party man had any idea that it would amount to anything, the minority party in the various states threw their votes to it to down the majority party, and factions in the old party used it to down the opposing faction that had been successful in the caucuses. By the aid of these allies, the party has at times been strong enough to elect men where they have failed when trying it alone. This has given the old party horn-blowers a chance to see how fast the Populist party is dying out, while the facts are, the party had really gained strength. It is now getting to be painfully apparent to the most obtuse of the old party followers that the Pop party is here to stay.—Brookings (S. Dakota) Individual.

"THE People, or the Politician?" is the striking title of a striking book, just issued from the press of Charles H. Kerr & Co., of Chicago. It deals with the most important question before the people—direct legislation—and it not only demonstrates clearly the practicability of government by the people, but it cannot fail to awaken the most indifferent and ill-informed to the necessity for such a government. The question of whether the people should govern themselves and conduct their government in that manner which will best promote the general welfare, or whether they should be oppressed by corrupt and unscrupulous classes, is one on which there can be no difference of opinion among patriotic citizens. The book brings this question squarely before the people and it will gain votes for the People's party in quarters where literature on the financial and other questions would have little or no effect. The book is well gotten up and contains 60 pages. The price of it is only ten cents, and it may be ordered through this office.

THERE is a good deal of comment because ex-Congressman Otis is working in a ditch in Colorado. There is nothing wrong about this. In fact, it has happened too often that when a man once had an office, it has ruined him. He has been a hanger-on ever afterwards. It is really in a man's favor that he should return to honest labor when it was necessary, and not loaf around the balance of his life the despised hanger-on. Mr. Otis is better than nine-tenths of the men who have been in office unexpectedly and then been left at home again.—Lawrence World (Rep.)

HOBART, the Republican nominee for vice-president, was the New Jersey member of the Republican national committee of 1884 and was elected vice-chairman. He has been receiver of the New Jersey Midland railway, the Montclair railway and the Jersey City and Albany, and of the First National bank of Newark, director of several banks and many railroads and a large number of other companies and corporations. He was recently the recipient of the degree of doctor of laws from Rutgers.

THE Kansas City Gazette wants to dispose of the silver question by relegating it to the various congressional districts. How would it be disposed of here, where we have a candidate who is a national banker without a platform? Unless something is done to let people know that Mr. Harris knows something on the financial question, he is going to be short on votes.—Lawrence World (Rep.)

THE Lawrence World is getting scared. It says: "Depend upon this, there is going to be a fusion in Kansas. We will therefore need every vote we can get in every part of the state. Although having a big majority in this county, we must not arouse antagonisms. A vote for the state ticket is worth as much here as anywhere."